

News Advisory



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Proposition 84

**Draft Grant Guidelines Available for Review on
\$368 Million Statewide Park Grant Program**

WHO/WHAT: California State Parks, Office of Grants and Local Services is taking the first public step toward awarding \$368 million in competitive Proposition 84 grants. The grants will fund new parks and recreational opportunities in critically underserved communities throughout California. State Parks is holding public meetings to take public comments on the draft application requirements, and to ensure that they are user-friendly. Starting today, State Parks is making a draft application guide available for public review and comment. Nine public hearings will be held throughout California this month. Final application requirements will be adopted early 2009. Applications from cities, counties, special districts, and nonprofit organizations will be due in fall 2009.

WHEN: See the following schedule for the nine public hearing dates and locations.

WHERE:

December 4, 2008 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Sacramento Orangevale Parks & Recreation Community Center 6826 Hazel Avenue Orangevale, CA 95662
December 5, 2008 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Shasta Redding City Hall Civic Center Community Room 777 Cypress Avenue Redding, CA 96001
December 9, 2008 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Kern South Bakersfield Veterans Hall Rooms 1 & 2 1905 Wilson Road Bakersfield, CA 93304
December 10, 2008 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Los Angeles Grace Simons Lodge 1025 Elysian Park Drive Los Angeles, CA 90012

December 11, 2008 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	San Bernardino Victoria Gardens Cultural Center Celebration Hall 12505 Cultural Center Drive Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739
December 12, 2008 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.	San Diego La Colonia Community Center 715 Valley Avenue Solana Beach, CA 92075
December 16, 2008 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Alameda Sailboat House at Lakeside Park 568 Bellevue Avenue Oakland, CA 94610
December 17, 2008 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Monterey Salinas Sports Complex Grand Ballroom 1034 N. Main Street Salinas, CA 93906
December 18, 2008 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Fresno Fresno Convention and Entertainment Center Exhibit Hall, Rooms 2009-2012 848 M Street Fresno, CA 93721

WHY:

To allow for public comment on the proposed grant guidelines for the implementation of the Statewide Park Program as defined in Assembly Bill 31 (De Leon) Chapter 623, Statutes of 2008. The final procedure guide will contain the Statewide Park Program's application and grant guidelines that local agencies and non-profits will use to apply for the program's competitive grant funds. The draft procedure guide will be available for public comment from December 1, 2008 through January 16, 2009 at www.parks.ca.gov/grants.

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